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PARISH BULLETIN 19 OCTOBER 2025

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY – 26 OCTOBER 2025

9.30am	Mornington Church	Rev Greg Hughson
10.00am	Mosgiel Church	Rev David Poultney
11.00am	Glenaven Church	Rev Susan Hamel

RADIO CHURCH

8.30am	OAR 105.4FM	Olivia Dawson – University Chaplain Coordinator
	1575AM	
Live stream	oar.org.nz	

Please note you can now listen to RADIO CHURCH every Sunday on OAR 105.4FM, 1575AM or Livestream via oar.org.nz

Services at Mornington can be watched on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@morningtonmethodist1598>



UPCOMING event Dates

PARISH EVENTS COMING UP

19 October – Week of Prayer for World Peace – see local interfaith events listed below.

22 October Mornington Methodist Fellowship Meeting, Mornington Methodist Church, 2PM

2 November Mornington AGM

METHODIST CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to hosting Conference at Mornington in November, if you would like to help in offering hospitality, in serving tea and coffee and laying out snacks for morning and afternoon breaks please contact David, Cam or Richard.



We are looking for people who might do some baking, again just let us know.

STRANGERS MAGAZINE

Five copies of Strangers Magazine are being delivered to Mornington Church, you are welcome to take, read and return. Thank you

MORNINGTON AGM

The Mornington AGM will now be held on Sunday 2nd November. If you are responsible for preparing a report for the AGM, please submit it to Richard as soon as reasonably possible.

The Glenaven service that day is now cancelled, and Holy Communion will be celebrated at Glenaven on the 16th

Mornington Methodist Fellowship

Galloway Street, Mornington, Dunedin

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

2 PM

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE OUR THREE WISE NURSES; BERYL, JUNE AND TRISH.

They are going to tell us of their nursing careers.

All church members and friends are welcome to join us and for the social afternoon tea.

MORNINGTON FELLOWSHIP

The September meeting of the Mornington Methodist Fellowship will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd October** at **2pm** in the **Church**.

2025 WORLD INTERFAITH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

EVENTS: A 2025 (Red) DAILY PRAYER RESOURCE AVAILABLE (PDF) is available from your Parish/Church secretary for daily prayers

Sunday 19th October 2.00pm -4.30pm Dunedin Interfaith Council annual Peace Hikoi starting at Al Huda Mosque in Clyde St and ending at All Saints Anglican Church for afternoon tea and refreshments. Please come - meet new friends, build relationships and experience peace together.

Thursday 23rd October 5.30pm-8pm Pearl of the Islands-Dunedin
Interfaith Council “Women of faith” Forum (Jewish-Christian-Muslim)
Venue: Dunningham Suite, Dunedin City Library.

Abrahamic Interfaith Dialogue 2025

Women of Faith



Muslim Representative
Dr. Mahsheed Ansari



Christian Representative
Diane Bellamy



Jewish Representative
Ruth Groffman



Moderator
Dr. Mai Tamimi

Join us for a thought-provoking evening as three remarkable women representing the Muslim, Christian and Jewish faiths come together to explore the powerful role of women in their spiritual traditions.

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

From 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Dunningham Suite , 4th Floor, City Library, Dunedin



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Dunedin Interfaith Council

FRIENDS OF THE MISSION NEWS:



🎄 Christmas Sock Fundraiser! 🧦

This year, the Mission's Christmas fundraiser for our Youth Transition Houses and Young Mums' House is all about socks!

Buy a pair, gift a pair, or do both — two pairs, twice the cheer!

The socks will be available at the next Mornington fellowship meeting, and your support will make a real difference this Christmas. If you'd like to purchase some but won't be at Mornington, please **get in touch with me** –

Julie 027 267 8140 julier@mmsouth.org.nz, and we'll make sure you can still join in the fun.

A Reflection for the Funeral of Donald Phillipps

Micah 6:8 *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*

2 Peter 1:13-15

I am sure it is my duty, as long as I in this tent, to keep stirring you up with reminders, since I know the time for me to lay aside this tent is coming soon ... And I shall take great care that after my departure you will still have a means to recall these things to mind.

In no way can these few minutes be a tribute worthy of a long and distinguished life, I won't even try. If I did, we would be here all day, and you don't want that. We will hear many stories about Donald in this service, and we all have our own particular memories we could share and no doubt will afterwards and, in the days, ahead.

I am doing what I think Donald would want me to do as his presbyter, and that's a little theological reflection on the two Scripture readings we just heard and what they tell us about Donald, his faith and his legacy.

First of all, I should say he talked little about what comes next, he did cite St Paul from 1 Corinthians that we see "through a glass darkly" Well Donald the truth may be opaque to us here but we trust you see more fully than we know. As I told him once in the Jewish faith death is sometimes referred to as *olam ha emet*, the world of truth. Donald has come into that truth.

Like so many people I have cared for as their life nears its end Donald was much more invested in what he left behind than what he was going to.

Sometimes Faith is talked about as a personal virtue, something for the favoured among us, fire and light in a cold dark world. This was not Donald's faith, Donald was deeply, profoundly a Methodist, he was wholly in agreement with John Wesley that holiness is not an individual pursuit but is deeply connected to community and

relationships. For Donald as for John Wesley there was no holiness but social holiness.

Towards the end of his life in conversation Donald often quoted the prophet Micah, he reminded those of us who he talked with that authentic faith is expressed in doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God.

Donald and I were part of a group which over the last few years has met for coffee every Friday. The conversation was always lively, and Donald would always point us towards living out faith, to allowing our faith to inform our actions and make the world more equitable, more just.

And this is his legacy, his gift.

And that brings me to our second reading, from 2 Peter.

For Donald it was his duty, his life even, to stir up reminders to living authentically and faithfully, even in these last days when he knew his life was coming to its end, when it was time to lay aside his tent.

When we call Donald to mind let this be his legacy to us and to the Church. Let us honour his love of justice, his concern for inclusion, for a faith that nurtures community. These are gifts to us all.